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## **Gov. Minner Announces State Employee Donations to Delaware Charities at All-Time High**

*Dover* – Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced today that state employees raised more than \$677,000 in donations for the 2006 Delaware State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), a 20 percent increase over last year's total.

Gov. Minner was joined for the announcement by Lt. Gov. John C. Carney, Jr., Drew Langloh, president of the United Way of Delaware, John and Cathy Burris, co-chairs of the 2006 Delaware United Way Campaign and co-chairs for this year's State Employees' Charitable Campaign (SECC), State Treasurer Jack Markell and Jennifer Davis, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

"I am especially pleased that our state employees have given so generously this year to help state residents in need," Gov. Minner said. "The money raised through the State Employees Charitable Campaign helps non-profit organizations in our state that make a lasting difference for the lives of those who receive needed assistance. My thanks go out to all who participated in the fund-raising effort."

"The work we do in state government is only successful through partnering with our non-profit providers, many of whom receive funding through the United Way campaign," Lt. Gov. John C. Carney, Jr. said. "Together, we are making a difference in the lives of so many Delawareans that need our services and support."

"The real credit for this amazing effort goes to all of our state employees who dug in and got the word out about this year's campaign to their agencies as team captains and agency chairs," SECC Delaware Co-Chair State Treasurer Jack Markell said. "On behalf of all the Delawareans who will benefit, I say thank you."

The SECC is Delaware state government's only charitable fundraising drive, which provides state employees and retirees the opportunity to donate to more than 140 charitable organizations through payroll deductions and one-time donations. Total 2006 campaign contributions surpassed last year's total by more than \$113,000.

Drew Langloh, President of the United Way of Delaware said, "The State of Delaware and United Way of Delaware share a common goal of improving the lives of all Delawareans. SECC donations make it possible for local organizations to provide services that help our most needy individuals and families. Year after year state employees and retirees provide increased donations that are critically important to charitable organizations in Delaware. They should be commended for not only dedicating their lives to public service – but also for their generosity in charitable giving."

"State employees have hit a home run once again," said Office of Management and Budget Director and SECC Co-Chair, Jennifer Davis. "They never fail to step up to the plate and respond to the needs of the community by generously giving to the SECC campaign."

